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PRESIDENT: As I understand the rules, Senator Luedtke, that would take precedence Monday morning. Mr. Rules Committee Chairman.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, I believe that you will have to follow the regular order of the day. I would suggest that you make it the first order of business on General File, Monday. But I think if you have any Final Reading or anything it must come forward first.

PRESIDENT: Senator Richendifer

SENATOR RICHENDIFER: Mr. Chairman and members, I object to holding this bill up. I think I made all but one of the hearings throughout the state of Nebraska last summer and last fall. So many of these arguments I have already heard. And to delay it until Monday is going to be doubtful whether anybody can be for or against the bill. I think these people have had an opportunity in the last two years to look at this bill and have advice from their counsel and act on this bill now.

PRESIDENT: Senator Luedtke.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Mr. President, I quite agree with Senator Richendifer. We can finish the debate this afternoon and vote on it this afternoon. We have plenty of time to lay it on Select File for any of you to do anything you want to do. You can try to kill it. You can help us to pass it. You can do anything, there will be all kinds of things you can talk about. We told you way in advance we were going to debate this bill today. This didn't come like a flash in the night. This thing..you knew we were going to debate this today. Everybody did. I would sincerely urge that we finish our debate on 354 and vote it up or down this afternoon. Either vote it on it's way or not. One or the other.

PRESIDENT: Senator Goodrich did you want to speak to this issue?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President and members of the body. Why can't we just go ahead and cease debate on it and try to move the bill, and if we can move it, fine. Otherwise it automatically lays over until Monday.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: That seems very reasonable. I don't think after two years of study and waiting and discussing it with people that somehow between now and Monday morning any great insight is going to come for anybody. What I do anticipate is that those people that are opposed the bill violently will organize and possible give enough misinformation to create additional confusion. The people will want to wait. Now Senator Luedtke, I, I think most of the members of the committee that have worked on this, if we could be certain that this bill was going through, we could accept the 1977 date. Because I have no doubt that by then there will be an eagerness on the part of most attorneys to get into this. In fact I wouldn't be surprised if next year if we used that date that the lawyers themselves didn't push to move it up. But I think we should go ahead right here, try to push the bill forward, if there is more sincere debate we're ready to answer the questions. We're ready to even help them raise their own objections. And explain them if they want. But let's not just stall it.